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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Cub Scout Pack 111 performed a flag ceremony and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Lee had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

### I. Consent Items

1. **Order 01-01052015\***  
Appointing Karen Scammon as City Assessor for a two year term beginning 2/1/2015 with an expiration of 1/31/2017.
2. **Order 02-01052015\***  
Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Constables without firearms for the Auburn Police Department.
3. **Order 03-01052015\***  
Accepting the transfer of \$699.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency (Jermaine Motley).
4. **Order 04-01052015\***  
Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of James S. Davison as a Constable with a firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 6-0.

### II. Minutes

- December 15, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of December 15, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0.

### III. Reports\*

*\*For trial period, Council agrees to shift Reports to the last item on the meeting agenda. To do so, a motion should be made "To suspend the rules and move item III. Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII. Executive Session".*

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to suspend the rules and move item III, Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII, Executive Session. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Crowley opposed).

### IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Cub Scout Pack 111 presented a bronze memorial plaque to the City. The plaque is dedicated to the 17 victims that perished in a tragic fire in Auburn in 1945.

### V. Open Session

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle commented on the light agenda, the road projects on South Main Street and Park Avenue, and committee reports, and economic development.

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Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on Councilor reports, and on the first workshop item on the Future Land Use Map amendment proposal.

**VI. Unfinished Business - None**

**VII. New Business - None**

**VIII. Executive Session - None**

### **Reports\***

**Mayor's Report** – Commented on scheduling workshop and agenda items, staff preparation, meetings with John Holden (President of LAEGC), meeting with the Town of Poland to talk about economic development partnerships, discussions with St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad, negotiations between the City and National Guard regarding the land in the Mt. Apatite and Auburn Suburban ball field area and determining the land value, workforce development, an upcoming meeting with University of Maine system (USM and Lewiston Auburn College officials), and the Airport's Strategic Planning and possible land acquisition.

**City Manager's Report** – Municipal Wireless Network update, CIP (Capital Improvement Program) for requests have been turned in by Department heads, thanked City Staff who took part in delivering gifts and meals at Christmas time, meetings to be videotaped by chapter moving forward, on Monday nights without a scheduled City Council meeting, he will be available until 8pm to take concerns or to meet with residents.

### **Committee and City Councilor Reports**

**Councilor LaFontaine** – On scheduling a meeting with Council and the School Committee to talk about process, members of the School Committee and high school administration visited a school in Worcester, Massachusetts; she encouraged School Administration to not think about building only when talking about curriculum for high school students. She also commented on the Auburn Public Library activities and events, and on the labor shortage in our community (and all of Maine).

**Councilor Walker** - On Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation and a price increase which we'll see. The increase will be approximately \$40 - \$41 per ton. Also, the Recycling Committee will be coming forward with a new plan for recycling.

**Councilor Gerry** - On the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee will meet next week, the Citizens Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow, the Auburn Housing authority generally meet the last Wednesday of the month. The Mayor requested to see AVCOG's total expenditures relating to transit including any indirect charges, and in regards to the Auburn Housing Authority, he would like a briefing on the Spring Street Project.

**Councilor Young** – no report.

**Councilor Crowley** - On Auburn Recreation and Special Events meeting, posting on message board, the Winter Festival, the First Auburn Senior Citizens group activities, Ingersoll update report, programming updates, Auburn Water and Sewerage District report included budget, cell tower lease agreement, Auburns share of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control

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Authority and her Sewer tip. Written reports were provided and were posted on our website. She also provided her Ward 1 report which included the lighting of St. Louis church on New Year's Eve, thanked the new owners of the church, thanked Auburn residents for giving gifts and food during the holidays, dates to watch, visiting hours at the Library, calls regarding recycling and the Norway Savings Bank Arena, Salute to Denny Sullivan Day, and City Council schedule.

**Councilor Hayes** – Commented on an article that was in the newspaper regarding the Airport. He also stated that the Airport Board is in the process of strategic planning and the public is invited to attend and participate during the open session. The Railroad received national press in a transportation magazine on the length of track, and increased services, and at the next Airport session they should be able to discuss another contract (an eatery).

**IX. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.**

Jim Tierney, 7 Drummond Street commented on snow removal.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road had questions on the Airport and Railroad, and the Spring Street project, recommended looking at our economic development strategy, and commented on TIF's.

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle asked if there would be an open session at the January 12<sup>th</sup> workshop.

**X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk